

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

This paragraph will replace the abstract:

Abstract of the Disclosure

~~An apparatus, program product and~~ A method backs up computer data by organizing update requests into groups. All update requests in one group complete concurrently before requests of a subsequent group complete.

This paragraph will replace paragraph [0011] of the application as published, which is the first full paragraph on page 5 of the application as filed:

The invention addresses these and other problems associated with the prior art by providing ~~an apparatus, program product and~~ a method for efficiently and reliably mirroring data of a primary system to a backup system. In one respect, processes consistent with the invention provide a hybrid approach that enjoys benefits of both the fast processing of asynchronous mirroring and the data integrity of synchronous mirroring. More particularly, a number of update requests are organized into groups at both the primary and backup systems. The respective groups are processed synchronously to preserve sequential ordering. The updates of each group, however, are processed concurrently, or substantially at the same time and without regard to order. This allows improved processing times with regard to the requests of each group.